

MODULE 4: INTERNAL OPERATIONS AND INVENTORY

SECTION A: PLANNING OPERATIONS





Module 4, Section A

Section A Introduction

Section A Key Processes:

- Plan operations.
 - Develop master schedule.
 - Determine material requirements.

Section A Topics:

- Topic 1: Make-Versus-Buy, Outsourcing, and Offshoring
- Topic 2: Sourcing Requirements and Total Costs



Manufacturing Planning and Control



Stages of Verifying Capacity



Master Scheduling Grid and Time Fences

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Forecast		22	21	25	24	23	21	21	25	25
Customer orders	19	17	15	11	9	5	2	1	0	0
Project available balance (PAB) 50		14	49	24	0	27	6	35	10	35
Available-to-promise (ATP)	14		15			43		49		
Master production schedule (MPS)			50			50		50		50
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Purposes of the Master Production Schedule

- Provide sales-operations "contract."
 - Assure sales force of product availability.
 - Assure operations of sales force commitment.
- Balance supply with demand for:
 - Low inventory costs
 - Fewer stockouts
 - More efficient production.





Weekly Dates for Specific Products

Months	July				August					
Aggregate production plan (S&OP)	1,000					1,2	200			
Weeks	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
MPS: Weekly production of	specific	products								
LX30—30-ppm	50	50	50	75	75	75	50	100		
LX21—21-pp	75	25	100	75	100	100	100	100		
LX50—15-pp	50	150	150	150	75	125	150	150		

Planning Horizon

- Amount of time plan extends into future
- At least equal to cumulative lead time for product



Projected Available Balance (PAB)

PAB Prior to DTF = Prior Period PAB + MPS – Customer Orders Period 1 PAB = 50 Units + 0 Units – 19 Units = 31 Units

PAB After DTF = Prior Period PAB + MPS – Greater of Forecast or Customer Orders Period 6 PAB = 0 Units + 50 Units – 23 Units = 27 Units

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Available-to-Promise (ATP)

First Period ATP = Inventory + MPS − ∑Customer Orders Before Next MPS Period 1 ATP = 50 Units + 0 Units − (19 Units + 17 Units) = 14 Units

Following Period ATP = $MPS - \sum Customer Orders Before Next MPS$ Period 3 ATP = 50 Units - (15 Units + 11 Units + 9 Units) = 15 Units

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Commitment Decision Points

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Materials Requirements Planning

- MRP plans production/purchase orders for dependent demand items only.
- Dependent demand doesn't require estimation, only calculation.
- Some items can have both independent and dependent demand.



Materials Requirements Planning





Multilevel Bill of Material

Bill of Material

- Complete list of components for a manufactured or assembled item.
- "Explode" multilevel BOMs: expand to drill down into details.
- Modular (planning) BOMs are used for planning modular components.

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Produ	ict Structur	e	Assembly	BOM Status	Short Text	Quantity
V JT	E-5000 300	0 1 0 1			1 Motor, Electric 1/2 HP	
•	0010 L JTI ▼ JTE-40	E-4001 001 3000 1 01	×		Stator Assembly 1 Stator Assembly	1
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		0020 L JTE-1002			Wire-Stranded	1
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		0010 L JTE-2001			Wire-Aluminum	25
	▼ 003 ►	30 L JTE-3002 JTE-3002 3000 1 01	*		Stator Blank 1 Stator Blank	60
		0010 L JTE-2003			Steel, Coiled	1
	004	0020 L JTE-3004 40 L JTE-1004			Rotor Blank Varnish	1– 0.001
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	003	30 L JTE-3005			Aluminum	1
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Routing File



A **routing** for a product shows how it is manufactured in one or more operations. Each operation is identified by a sequence number and a description. The sequence number places the operations in the proper manufacturing sequence. The operations also identify where that process occurs and the standard setup and run times for the product. Tooling and testing requirements can also be included in the routing definition.



Lot-for-Lot and FOQ Replenishment

- Lot-for-lot
 - Exact number needed for production is number to make/buy
 - Often used for dependent demand items
- Fixed order quantity (FOQ)
 - Used in MRP when operations require fixed batch sizes and order quantities.

MRP Lot-Sizing Problem: Lot-for-Lot Technique										
Week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Gross Requirements	35	30	40		10	40	30		30	55
Scheduled Receipts										
Projected Available Balance (PAB) 35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Requirements		30	40		10	40	30		30	55
Planned Order Receipts		30	40		10	40	30		30	55
Planned Order Releases	30	40		10	40	30		30	55	



Offsetting





Managing MRP

- Avoiding system "nervousness"
 - Net change (not plan regeneration)
 - Time fences (rescheduling only with authorization)
 - Pegging components to end products in bill of material
- Is nervousness a red flag?
- Reconciling JIT/lean with MRP
 - Small bucket or bucketless
 - Balanced flow

Evolution of MRP Software

MRP	Closed-Loop MRP	MRP II (often just called MRP)	DDMRP
 Automates BOM Improves on-time delivery; frees up time to plan Assumes infinite capacity—hence, impossible schedules 	 Refinement of MRP: provides feedback on capacity available Tradeoff: installation and training costs 	 Includes financials (crosses boundaries) Makes capacity more visible Translates detailed information to financial statements Helps realign with plan 	 Priority on what can and will be sold (not made) Minimize cumulative lead time and cost Some long-lead time materials held Strategically placed, continually monitored buffer inventories



Distribution Requirements Planning

Push systems

- Forecasts and schedules centrally coordinated.
- Drawbacks:
 - Customers don't determine own orders.
 - Doesn't account for local conditions.

Hybrid systems (e.g., DRP)

- Push to given echelon, pull from there, use retail demand data.
- Benefits:
 - From push:
 Coordination and control
 - From pull: Local demand responsiveness

Pull systems

- Each partner sets own orders.
- Drawbacks:
 - Bullwhip effect if partners are not collaborating.
 - Ignores needs of other SC partners.
 - Ignores supplier's ability.



DRP Components

- DC demand forecasts determine gross requirement
- Safety stock for customer service
- Accurate lead time information
- Distribution system map





DRP Logic



MS Grid

800

n/a

n/a

22





SECTION B: CAPACITY AND PRODUCTION ACTIVITY CONTROL





Module 4, Section B

Section B Introduction

Section B Key Process:

Evaluate capacity requirements.

Section B Topics:

- Topic 1: Capacity
- Topic 2: Production Activity Control



Capacity Management, Planning, and Control





Capacity Objectives

Too much

- Supply > demand
- Layoffs, idle machines, unused storage
- Excess inventory

Just right

- On-time
 fulfillment
- Quality items
- Optimal use of resources

Too little

- Demand > supply
- Stockouts, broken orders, overtime, temps, work shifts, etc.



Planning Horizons





Resource Planning





Four Ways to Stage Capacity Growth





Rough-Cut Capacity Planning



If sufficient capacity is available in bottlenecks, the MPS is considered workable. If not, the master scheduler explores ways to increase capacity (e.g., overtime, use of alternate work centers, contracting out work). If these are not possible/ economical, the master scheduler will revise the MPS to be feasible.





Rough-Cut Capacity Planning

- Process of converting MPS into key resource requirements
- Comparison of load vs. available or demonstrated capacity for each key resource
- Medium-term
- Bottlenecks, gateway work centers, critical suppliers only

Capacity Requirements Planning (CRP)

- CRP takes place at level of MRP.
- Assigns each facility, work center, and operation a load and does load leveling.
- Steps to determine site capacity:
 - Check open order file.
 - Check planned order releases.
 - Check routing file.
 - Check work center file.
- Output: adjustment of load or capacity (or both) to meet plan, as required.



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Production Activity Control (PAC)





Measuring Capacity

 Available Time = Hours of Operation × Number of Workers or Equipment

• Utilization = $\frac{\text{Hours Worked}}{\text{Available Hours}} \times 100$

• Efficiency =
$$\frac{\text{Standard Hours of Work}}{\text{Hours Worked}} \times 100$$

Rated Capacity = Available Time × Utilization × Efficiency

• Demonstrated Capacity =
$$\frac{\text{Output for } n \text{ Periods}}{n}$$



When Load and Capacity Are Out of Balance

- Change capacity to match load:
 - Add or reduce work hours.
 - Hire or lay off workers.
 - Shift workers to understaffed sites.
 - Change routings.
 - Hire subcontractors or temporary workers.
- Change load to match capacity:
 - Change lot sizes or schedule.





Continuous Improvement of PAC

- Concentrate on constraints.
- Use visual signals.
- Develop pull partnerships.
- Learn to be lean.






SECTION C: INVENTORY





Module 4, Section C

Section C Introduction

Section C Key Processes:

- Manage inventory.
 - Align inventory requirements with demand.
 - Manage MRO supplies.
 - Develop replenishment strategy.
 - Manage product traceability and chain of custody.
 - Define and execute physical inventory and cycle counting.
 - Manage product disposition and obsolescence.

Section C Topics:

- Topic 1: Inventory
- Topic 2: Replenishment Strategies
- Topic 3: Traceability, Accuracy, and Disposition



The Need for Inventory



Production

- Raw materials
- Work-in-process items
- Customer service
 - Finished goods
 - Spare parts
- Supporting activities
 - Maintenance
 - Repair
 - Operating supplies

Types of Inventory





Why Have Inventory?

Inventory Functions Cycle stock/lot size inventory Anticipation inventory

Buffer inventory

Safety stock

Hedge inventory

Decoupling



Inventory Costs

- Acquisition costs: order quantity × unit cost
- Landed costs: product cost plus logistics costs
- Carrying (holding) costs: storage, capital, and risk costs
- Storage costs
 - Rent, equipment leases, depreciation
 - Operating costs, materialhandling expenses, power
 - Taxes

- Capital costs
 - Interest, financing, payments to creditors and investors
- Risk costs
 - Insurance, inventory value reductions, write-offs



Inventory Planning





Echelons and Echelon Inventory



- Echelons
 - Add costs.
 - Are a buffer for later echelons.
 - May provide consolidation or break-bulk to reduce total inventory/costs.

- Echelon inventory aggregates demand for more accurate order calculation.
 - Inventory at a node = all inventory at that echelon + all inventory at later SC points + in transit

Inventory Management Roles

Purchasing and materials management: adequate raw materials at low inventory cost

Manufacturing and finance: efficient and low-cost production balanced against low inventory cost

Sales and marketing: sufficient inventory to meet customer delivery requests and service levels



Factors Influencing Inventory Policies

Customer demand	Planning horizon	Replenishment lead time
Product variety	Inventory costs	Customer service requirements



Aggregate Inventory Management

Aggregate Inventory Management Objectives

Support organizational strategy and operations.

Support financial objectives.

Balance:

- Customer service
- Operations efficiency
- Inventory investment cost objectives.

Ways to Aggregate Inventory

- Demand pattern
- Production process
- Stage of production flow
- Relative value to organization
- Product or SKU family or type
- Distribution pattern



ABC Inventory Classification: Pareto Analysis

- A: Better treatment, tighter controls
- B: Moderate treatment and control
- C: Looser controls, may not get safety stock



Cumulative Percentage of Items



Item Inventory Management

- Goal is to enable planners to translate strategic inventory goals into measurable results (proper production and distribution of each SKU).
- Inventory rules
 - When to order inventory
 - How to determine order size per order
 - Relative importance of each inventory item
 - Inventory control procedures for individual items



Effects of Inventory on Financial Statements

Balance Sheet

- Unsold inventory is current asset.
- Only profit margin portion contributes to net income when sold.
- Can determine average inventory from balance sheet.

Income Statement

- COGS: Product expenses booked when units sold.
- Operating expenses: Period expenses booked when incurred.
- Reducing costs is more effective than increasing sales volume.

Cash Flows

- Decrease in inventory increases cash position.
- Inventory write-offs reduce owners' equity and may require reducing debts to maintain covenants.



Balance Sheet for Two Years (Assets)

What the	BALANCE SHEETS	Statement of	In Millions	(000,000)
organization	December 31,	financial value at	Year 2	Year 1
owns 🖓	Assets	a point in time		
Assets expected	Current Assets	(end of year)		
to be converted to	Cash and Cash Equ	valents	\$96.5	\$56.3
cash within one	Inventory		59.9	60.4
year	Accounts Receivable		48.4	44.3
Long-term assets	Total Current Assets		204.9	161.1
not easily	Fixed Assets			
converted to cash Gross Property, Plant, and Equipment		70.0	60.0	
Amounts owed	Less: Accumulated Depreciation		12.1	7.5
to others	Net Property, Plant, and Equipment		57.9	52.5
	Total Assets	_	→ \$262.8	\$213.6



Balance Sheet for Two Years (Liabilities)

American and	Total Assets		→ \$262	.8 \$213.6
Amounts owed	Liabilities			
tills year	Current Liabilities			
Amounts owed	Accounts Payable	20	.0 19.6	
beyond one year	Short-Term Notes	Short-Term Notes Payable		.5 6.0
	Total Current Liabilities		27	.5 25.6
Funds from	Long Term Liabilities			
operations (what is left after	Long-Term Debt	Assets = >	60	.0 60.0
	Total Liabilities	Liabilities +	87	.5 85.6
liabilities are	Owners' Equity	Owners' Equity		
deducted)	Common Stock (Par	Value)	11	.0 10.0
What owners	Additional Paid-In Capital		66	.0 54.0
have contributed	Retained Earnings	98	.3 64.0	
Reinvested funds	Total Owners' Equity		175	.3 128.0
from operations	Total Liabilities and Owners' Equity		→ \$262	.8 \$213.6

Income Statement for Two Years

Reduce costs:

 Increase profit margin without needing to raise prices

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	Less: Cost
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Product expenses:	Direct N
these expenses are booked when the	Factory
related units of	Less: Tot
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	Less: Inc

INCOME STATEMENTS	In Millions	
Profit or	(000,000)s) except
loss over	per sha	are amts.
For the Years Ending <a period<="" th=""><th>Year 2</th><th>Year 1</th>	Year 2	Year 1
Revenue (Sales)	\$302.6	\$276.9
Less: Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)		
Direct Labor	38.3	37.6
Direct Materials	101.5	99.7
Factory Overhead	26.6	26.1
Less: Total Cost of Goods Sold (COGS)	166.4	163.4
Gross Profit	136.2	113.5
Less: Operating Expenses		
Selling Expenses	30.3	24.9
General and Administrative	27.2	22.2
Lease Expense	12.1	8.3
Less: Total Operating Expenses	69.6	55.4
Less: Depreciation	4.6	4.0
Less: Interest Expense	3.9	3.9
Net Income (Profit) Before Taxes	58.1	50.3
Less: Income Taxes	16.3	14.1
Net Income (Profit)	\$41.8	\$36.2
Net Income (as a Pct. of Revenue)	14%	13%
Net Income Per Share-Basic	\$3.95	\$3.78



Statement of Cash Flows for Two Years

- Beware too much capital tied up in inventory
- Need sufficient cash

A viable firm needs positive	CASH FLOW STATEN	MENTS		In Millions (000,000)	
cash flow from operations	Year	Change in cash		Year 2	Year 1
	Operating Section	balance over a			
Increase in inventory or	After-Tax Net Income	period of time]	\$41.8	\$36.2
accounts receivable	Depreciation Add-Back		4.6	4.0	
will grow cash on hand.	(Increase)/Decrease in Inventory		0.5	(8.6)	
5	(Increase)/Decrease in Accounts Receivable			(4.1)	(4.1)
Increase in accounts	Increase/(Decrease) in Accounts Payable			0.4	1.8
payable increases cash,	Cash Flow from Operations		43.2	29.3	
reduces cash.	Investing Section				
	Capex Spend (Capital Expenditures)			(10.0)	(10.0)
Extra cash from financing	Cash Flow from Oper	ations and Invest	tment	33.2	19.3
investments were issued:	> Financing Section	Investme	ents in extra		
reduced cash means debt	Additional Equity Capita	al capacity	reduce cas	h. 13.0	7.0
was paid down or dividends	Less Dividends Paid			(7.5)	(5.0)
were paid to owners.	Increase/(Decrease) in Long-Term Debt		-	-	
	Increase/(Decrease) in	Short-Term Notes		1.5	(1.5)
Net Income +/– Change in (Δ) Operating	Cash Flow from Operations, Investments, and				
$+/-\Delta$ Investing	Financing			40.2	19.8
+/– Δ Financing + Beginning Cash	Beginning Cash Balanc	e		56.3	36.5
= Ending Cash	[`] Ending Cash Balance		\$96.5	\$56.3	





Lot-for-Lot versus Fixed Order Quantity (FOQ)





Economic Order Quantity (EOQ)

Minimum cost: carrying Economic order costs = ordering costs quantity (EOQ) Curve for total cost of carrying and ordering • EOQ = $\sqrt{\frac{2 \times A \times S}{i \times c}}$ Annual cost Carrying cost curve Q = Order quantity in units Ordering (or setup) Minimum • *i* = Annual carrying cost % cost curve total cost • c =Unit cost in \$ • A = Annual usage in units **Order quantity Optimal order** S = Ordering Cost in \$/order quantity



Ordering Systems: Order Point System

Order Point = Demand During the Lead Time + Safety Stock
Order Point = (50 Units/Week × 2 Weeks) + 100 Units = 200 Units





Ordering Systems: Periodic Review System

- Maximum-Level Inventory = D × (T + L) + SS
- Order Quantity = Maximum-Level Inventory Inventory On Hand
- D = Demand/unit of time, T = Order interval, L = Lead time, SS = Safety stock





Safety Stock

- Inventory to protect against demand and lead time variations.
- Set/review target frequency for use.
- Methods for setting level: fixed amount, coverage, statistical.
- Need to balance cost of safety stock and cost of stockouts.
- To decrease: less frequent orders, less demand variability, shorter lead time, more accurate forecasts.
- Organizational, regulatory, or industry requirements may mandate a minimum level of safety stock.



Safety Stock



Safety Lead Time

- Replenishment orders placed before (or after) normal order point.
- Could result in overstocks.
- Can impact bullwhip effect.
- Large orders with long lead times, e.g., on container ships, could result in significant overstocks (or stockouts).



Product Traceability and Configuration Management

- Reduces size of recalls
- Differentiates for region-specific bans
- Compliance audits
- Compliance with free trade zone agreements and labels such as "Made in U.S.A."
- Customs inspections



Assessing Inventory Accuracy

Periodic Count

- Necessary for, e.g., retail.
- Traditional method, requires store shutdown.
- Annual count of all items.
- Often done by temporary employees.
- Disruptive, expensive, errorprone.

Jun

July

Aug

Sep

Oct

Nov

Dec

Cycle Count

- Count some items each day.
- Count all items a set number of times annually.
- Count A items more often than B or C items.
- Timely correction of errors, no store shutdown.

Feb

Mar

Apr

Jan

Mav



Assessing Inventory Accuracy

Cycle Counting Example

Class	Qty.	Policy	Items/Day
Α	1,000	Per month 20 days	1,000/20 = 50/day
В	3,500	Per quarter 60 days	3,500/60 = 58/day
С	5,500	Semi- annually 120 days	5,500/120 = 46/day
			154/day

Improving Tracking and Counting

- Keep it secure.
- Keep it neat.
- Make labels easily visible and put on everything.
- Use bins and arrangements to ease counting.
- Treat A, B, C items suitably.
- Use technology.

Product End-of-Life

- Use end-of-life management for phase-out and phase-in plan.
- Set end-of-sales strategy.
 - Official communication needed so as not to ruin sales
 - May need time for supply chain inventory to sell
- Set end-of-service strategy.
 - Could stay profitable or be loyalty generator
 - Provide less expensive services
- Revisit equipment and space use.
- Consider backward compatibility.
- Accept product at end of life.
- Do risk and crisis management.



Disposition of Returned Products

- Assess and categorize
- Return material authorization or policy
- Centralize







SECTION D: PERFORMANCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT





Module 4, Section D

Section D Introduction

Section D Key Processes:

- Measure and assess performance.
 - Report against KPIs and other objectives.
 - Compare operational performance against the plan.
 - Evaluate inventory accuracy.
 - Compare financial performance against the plan.
- Analyze and utilize applicable continuous improvement philosophies.

Section D Topics:

- Topic 1: Operations, Inventory, and Financial Performance
- Topic 2: Continuous Improvement
- Topic 3: Quality Tools
- Topic 4: Continuous Improvement Methods



Metrics and KPIs

Metrics

You get what you measure.

- 1. Determine objectives and define success criteria.
- 2. Select metrics.
- 3. Set challenging but feasible targets.
- 4. Ensure measurements occur.
- 5. Consolidate, analyze, and report.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

- All KPIs are metrics but not all metrics are KPIs.
- Use balanced scorecard (e.g., learning and growth for SC improvements).
- Limit KPIs to be workable.
- Set baselines/targets.
- Assess impact on customers and bottom line.
- Monitor KPI performance.



Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Apply KPIs only to processes and activities that directly enable organizational and supply chain strategies.

New Product KPIs

- Internal failure
 rate
- External failure rate
- Introduction lead time

Merchandise KPIs

- Market share
- Volume growth
- Total SC inventory turns (across chain)

Replenishment KPIs

- Order fill rate
- On-time delivery
- Order fulfillment lead time



Operations KPIs

% MPS completed as scheduled

of time fence violations

Standard vs. actual production yield

Quality metrics

Inventory turnover by raw material turns, WIP turns, etc.

Inventory Management KPIs





Methods of Tracking Inventory

Order of steps is important:

- 1. Identify the item by SKU.
- 2. Verify the quantity.
- 3. Request and get approval for move or get order.
- 4. Execute the inventory movement.
- 5. Create a record of the transaction completion.


Total Quality Management (TQM)

- Management approach to long-term success through customer satisfaction.
- Guiding principles:
 - Actions show management commitment.
 - Fix processes rather than assigning blame.
 - Place customer at center of improvement discussions.
 - Suppliers are partners, not adversaries.
 - Standard performance measures enable tracking over time.





Reasons to Adopt Continuous Improvement

- Supply chain management is process-oriented.
- Supply chains are dynamic.
- Supply chains evolve.
- Continuous improvement of supply chain design can reduce costs of poor quality.





Continuous Improvement Model





Improvement Initiatives

Personnel Improvement Initiatives

- Developing knowledge, skills and abilities.
- Consider individual learning styles: visual, tactile, and auditory.



Process Analysis and Improvement

- Top-down direction
- Bottom-up implementation
- Strategic alignment and prioritization
- "As is" state
- "To be" can start with "low hanging fruit"





Process Analysis and Improvement: Visibility

"You can't fix what you can't see."



"Facts Are Your Friends"

Benchmarking

Setting goals by comparison to another entity or authoritative definition of excellence

Competitive	Best-in-Class	Process
Benchmarking	Benchmarking	Benchmarking
Setting goals by reference to a competitor	Setting goals by reference to the best performer	Setting process goals by reference to an authoritative process description



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Seven Basic Tools of Quality: Process Map



Seven Basic Tools of Quality: Control Chart

- Makes variance visible
- Statistical process control
- Contains samples from sequences
- Reveals spikes indicating process control problems
- Examples
 - Component measurement conformance
 - Wait time for service
 - Percentage of event occurrence





Seven Basic Tools of Quality

Pareto Chart

Pareto charts/diagrams rank causes from most significant to least significant. They are a visual analysis tool.



Cause-and-Effect Diagram



PICS

80

%

Occurrence

Seven Basic Tools of Quality

Histogram

Check Sheet

Scatter Chart



Defect	February				
Defect	1	2	3	4	Total
Too pink	1111	Ш	I	1111	17
Too red	I	I	_	II	4
No fragrance	11	—	I		6
Wrong size	1111	11	I	1#4	12
Totals	13	6	3	17	39



Variable Y







Seven New Tools

Tree Diagram



Affinity Diagram

Issue: Product recall causes				
Inspection	Customer feedback	Product materials		
Frequency	Costs	Return processes		



Seven New Tools

Matrix Diagram

Process Decision Program Chart

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Seven New Tools: Relationship Diagram





Seven New Tools

Activity Network Diagram



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Product line C (unlined curtains) 0



Eight Types of Waste

- Any activity that adds no value in eyes of customer
- Byproduct of process or task needing special control

Туре	Description
Process	Taking unneeded steps in work; inefficiencies
Movement (transportation)	Moving products unnecessarily
Methods (motion)	Wasted time or efforts by operators
Product defects	Products/services that do not meet specifications
Waiting time	Queuing delays
Overproduction	Making more product than required
Excess inventory	Holding stock not required to fulfill customer orders
Unused people skills	Waste of knowledge or capabilities



Lean Supply Chain Thinking

Lean Objectives

- Eliminate waste in value streams.
- Meet customer demand.
- Increase velocity.
- Reduce need for working capital.
- Increase inventory turns.
- Gain market share.
- Increase profitability.
- Develop the workforce.
- Produce perfect quality.

Five Lean Principles

- Create value for the customer.
- Identify all steps across a value stream.
- Create value flow.
- Pull products based upon customer demand.
- Strive for perfection by continually removing successive layers of waste.



House of Toyota

Customer focus

Best quality, lowest cost, shortest lead time by eliminating wasted time and activity

Just in time (JIT) • Takt time • One-piece flow • Pull systems	Culture of continuous improvement Employee involvement • Kaizen • Empowerment • Safety • Morale		 Jidoka Poka-yoke (mistake-proofing) Manual or automated line stop Separate operator and machine activities In-station control 		
Standardization					
Standardized work	Kanban		5S		
Operational stability					
Total productive maintenance			Heijunka		

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Additional Lean Considerations

Value stream mapping

- Map
 - Steps for broad range of SC processes
 - Management and information systems
- Current vs. future state
- Value-added versus non-value-added

Kaizen event/ Kaizen blitz^(sm)

- Event
 - Time-boxed
 - Embed in long-term plans
- Blitz
 - Rapid improve-ment of limited process area
 - Implement in week or less

Five Ss

- Sort (seiri)
- Simplify (set in order) (seiton)
- Scrub (seiso)
- Standardize (seiketsu)
- Sustain (shitsuke)



Additional Lean Considerations (continued)

Setup time reduction

- Major impact on cost and product variety.
- Reduction in time and materials.

Total productive maintenance

- Preventive maintenance.
- Efforts to adapt, modify, or refine equipment to:
 - Increase flexibility
 - Reduce material handling
 - Promote continuous flows.

Three major areas of waste

- Muda (consumes resources, creates no value).
- Mura (unevenness).
- Muri (over-burdening).





Just in Time (JIT)

Just-in-Time (JIT) Elements

- 1. Have inventory only when needed.
- 2. Quality at zero defects level.
- 3. Reduce lead times by:
 - Reducing setup times.
 - Reducing queue lengths.
 - Reducing lot sizes.
- 4. Review and revise operations.
- 5. Strong supplier relationships.
- 6. Multiskilled labor force.
- 7. Move toward cellular manufacturing environment.

JIT Philosophy

- Eliminate all waste.
- Strive for continuous productivity improvements.

Applies to the following forms of manufacturing environments: job shops, process, repetitive.

JIT Benefits

- Manufacturing cycle time reduction
- Inventory reduction
- Labor cost reduction
- Quality cost reduction
- Material cost reduction
- Improved vendor relationships



Just-in-Time (JIT)





Six Sigma

- Aim for "zero defects."
- Tolerate no more than 3.4 defects per million opportunities (99.9997% of opportunities with no defect).





Elements of Six Sigma

Customer

- Customer expectations define quality.
- Multiple opportunities for defects in each interaction/item.

Process

- Take outside-in (customer) view of process.
- Minimize total errors and variability.

Employee

- Full participation.
- Implement from below.
- Green belt, black belt, master black belt.



Five-Phase Six Sigma Process: DMAIC

- Define the nature of the problem.
 - Measure existing performance; record information about underlying causes.
 - Analyze information to find root causes.
 - Improve process by effecting solutions to problem.
 - Control process until solutions become ingrained.

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Theory of Constraints (TOC)

Any system, such as a supply chain or a production process, contains at least one element (constraint) that limits its maximum throughput.

Five-step TOC process:

- 1. Identify the constraint.
- 2. Exploit the constraint.
- 3. Subordinate other processes to the constraint.
- 4. Elevate the constraint.
- 5. Repeat the cycle.



